

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Thomas Lithgow for the very courteous and helpful discussion held with Applicant's representative on May 26, 2004.

During the discussion, the Examiner stated that a claim combining the limitations of claims 1, 8, and 10 would be allowable, including all of the non-elected species. Accordingly, each of independent claims 1 and 24 has been rewritten to include the limitations of canceled claims 8 and 10.

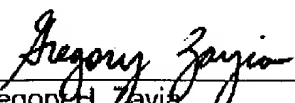
It was further noted during the discussion that the recitation that the oil "contains no sulfur, nitrogen or phosphorous," which was previously added to independent claims 1 and 24 by the Amendment filed November 4, 2003, is not required for the patentability of the claims as amended. Accordingly, this language has been eliminated from claims 1 and 24.

In accordance with MPEP 714.13, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is appropriate for entry under 37 CFR § 1.116 inasmuch as it merely cancels claims and adopts examiner suggestions. Entry of the present amendment is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In view of the Amendment and Remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is in condition for allowance. Early notification to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the above Amendment and Remarks do not put the claims in condition to be allowed, and that a further interview would be helpful, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned agent directly at (312)-321-4257.

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